Literacy in Southern States

†775. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of literacy is highest in the Southern States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Goa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that literacy rate in North Eastern States, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh is quite low;

(c) whether lesser financial allocation has been made to these low literacy States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per Census, 2001, the literacy rates in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, Uttarakhand and the North Eastern States of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura are higher than the national average. The literacy rates in Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and in the North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya are lower than the national average. A statement showing State-wise literacy rates in the descending order is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Under the Adult Education Programme, financial allocations are not made State-wise. Funds are released to the implementing agencies depending upon the proposals received from them, completion of earlier programmes sanctioned to them and settlement of accounts. A statement showing State-wise amount of the grants released under various Schemes of Adult Education to the respective implementing agencies during 2006-07 is enclosed as Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise literacy rate as per Census 2001 in descending order

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Literacy rate as per Census, 2001 report (in percentage)
1	2	3
	India	**64.84**
1.	Kerala	90.86
2.	Mizoram	88.80
3.	Lakshadweep	86.66
4.	Goa	82.01
5.	Chandigarh	81.94

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
6.	Delhi	81.67
7.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	81.30
8.	Pondicherry	81.24
9.	Daman & Diu	78.18
10.	Maharashtra	76.88
11.	Himachal Pradesh	76.48
12.	Tamil Nadu	73.45
13.	Tripura	73.19
14.	Uttarakhand	71.62
15.	Manipur	70.53
16.	Punjab	69.65
17.	Gujarat	69.14
18.	Sikkim	68.81
19.	West Bengal	68.64
20.	Haryana	67.91
21.	Karnataka	66.64
22.	Nagaland	66.59
23.	Chhattisgarh	64.66
24.	Madhya Pradesh	63.74
25.	Assam	63.25
26.	Orissa	63.08
27.	Meghalaya	62.56
28.	Andhra Pradesh	60.47
29.	Rajasthan	60.41
30.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	57.63
31.	Uttar Pradesh	56.27
32.	Jammu & Kashmir	55.52
33.	Arunachal Pradesh	54.34
34.	Jharkhand	53.56
35.	Bihar	47.00

Statement-II

Grants released during 2006-07 under various schemes of National Literacy Mission (NLM)

(Rupees in Lakh)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2006-07
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2200.59
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	38.05
3.	Assam	249.01
4.	Bihar	473.73
5.	Chattisgar	716.59
6.	Goa	23.19
7.	Gujarat	333.39
8.	Haryana	193.88
9.	Himachal Pradesh	37.67
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	218.29
11.	Jharkhand	371.57
12.	Karnataka	1819.42
13.	Kerala	677.97
14.	Madhya Pradesh	3202.16
15.	Maharashtra	1020.62
16.	Manipur	107.71
17.	Meghalaya	157.26
18.	Mizoram	107.79
19.	Nagaland	23.93
20.	Orissa	303.63
21.	Punjab	209.80
22.	Rajasthan	1517.23
23.	Sikkim	12.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	1377.85
25.	Tripura	82.25
26.	Uttar Pradesh	1792.79
27.	Uttarakhand	760.01
28.	West Bengal	2196.71
29.	Chandigarh	148.10
30.	Delhi	105.37
31.	Pondicherry	0.00
32.	Daman & Diu	0.00
33.	Andaman & Nicobar	0.00
34.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00
35.	Lakshadweep	0.00